

December 15, 1938

During this fall of the year the St. Louis Bird Club has been under various trials. Loss of officers and board members by removal from the city; several emergencies beyond control of time and place; have interfered with the regular procedures of the club.

But the Christmas Census will be taken this year on December 26th. This date is chosen in order to qualify for recognition within the date limits set by "Bird Lore" and also because we feel that Christmas Monday will find most of you enjoying a holiday. To make your holiday both more enjoyable and memorable, we invite you cordially to take part in one of the following three field trips:

1. Beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the Webster Groves Nature cabin at Ranken, on Highway 66, first road left after the 7-mile post of the Speedometer Test Section.

2. Beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the Sea Scout base, Creve Coeur Lake, this tour to lead first along the lake south of the Sea Scout base.

3. Beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the head of the causeway near Blank's Tavern (Lakeside Casino), Horseshoe Lake, Illinois.

Group leaders are as follows: Ranken - Sterling P. Jones
Creve Coeur - Wayne Short
Horseshoe Lake - L. R. Ernst

Birders are asked to be prompt, and all late comers will have to take chances on catching up with the groups. Any additional information will be given gladly by Miss Anne Loftus, 5774 DeGiverville Ave., phone CA. 2759-R.

Individuals who are unable to attend one of these hikes on December 26, but who observe birds anywhere in the St. Louis area on that date, are asked to mail their lists to Miss Loftus, stating what species were observed, exact numbers, and place observed. Your individual lists will be of real value to us, but we urge you to spend a part of your Christmas Monday with those of us attending the scheduled field trips. Following is a list of birds one should be on the look-out for in the St. Louis area at Christmas-censustime:

Permanent Residents

Sharp-shinned hawk	Bluejay
Cooper's hawk	Crow
Red-tailed hawk	Black-capped chickadee
Red-shouldered hawk	Carolina chickadee
Marsh hawk	Tufted titmouse
Sparrow hawk	White-breasted nuthatch
Bob-white	Carolina wren
Rin-necked pheasant	Mockingbird
Mourning dove (scarce in winter)	Robin
Barn owl (scarce)	Bluebird
Screech owl	Cedar waxwing
Great horned owl	Migrant shrike
Barred owl	Starling
Long-eared owl (rare)	House sparrow
Short-eared owl (uncommon)	European tree sparrow
Flicker	E. Meadowlark
Pileated woodpecker	W. Meadowlark (scarce)
Red-bellied woodpecker	Red-winged blackbird
Red-headed woodpecker	Bronzed grackle
Hairy woodpecker	Cowbird
Downy woodpecker	Cardinal
Prairie horned lark	Goldfinch
E. Field sparrow (scarce in winter)	Towhee (scarce in winter)
Mississippi song sparrow	

Winter Residents

Mallard
Pintail (scarce in winter)
American golden-eye
American merganser
American rough-legged hawk
Bald eagle
Herring gull
Ring-billed gull
Yellow-bellied sapsucker
Northern horned lark
Brown creeper
E. Winter wren
Golden-crowned kinglet
Ruby-crowned kinglet (occasional)
Northern shrike
Rusty blackbird
Purple finch (few)
Slate-colored junco
Montana junco
E. Tree sparrow
White-crowned sparrow (occasional)
White-throated sparrow
Fox sparrow

Birds due to go but perhaps still here in small numbers

Wood duck
Double-crested cormorant
Common Canada goose
Common black duck
Red-legged black duck
Gadwall
Ring-necked duck
Canvas back
Lesser scaup
Goshawk
Coot
Killdeer
Belted kingfisher
Pine siskin
Leconte's sparrow
Swamp sparrow

Unusual Possibilities

Old squaw
American scoter
White-winged scoter
Surf scoter
Golden eagle
Snowy owl
American hawk owl
Saw-whet owl
Red-breasted nuthatch
Bohemian waxwing
Giant red-winged blackbird
Evening grosbeak
Common red poll
Red Crossbill
Harris's sparrow
Lapland longspur
Chestnut-collared longspur
E. Snow bunting